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Member of Cumberland County Cocaine Trafficking Network Sentenced to 37 Months in Federal Prison

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CAMDEN – A member of a cocaine trafficking network responsible for the distribution of large quantities of cocaine in the Cumberland County area was sentenced to 37 months in federal prison today for his role in the conspiracy, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

U.S. District Judge Jerome B. Simandle also ordered Victor Jose Oyola, Jr., 28, of Vineland, to serve three years of supervised release upon the completion of his prison sentence. Judge Simandle remanded the defendant to the custody of the U.S. Marshal to begin serving his sentence.

On Jan. 25, 2007, Oyola pleaded guilty before Judge Simandle to a one-count Superseding Information that charges him with conspiring with Felipe Telleria, 34, a.k.a. “Alex,” of Vineland and others to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 or more grams of cocaine.

At his plea hearing, Oyola admitted that between April and July 2006 he agreed with Telleria and Telleria’s associate, Jose Luis Delgado, 22, of Vineland, and others to distribute cocaine. Oyola admitted that he redistributed cocaine which he had obtained from Telleria and Delgado. Furthermore, Oyola admitted that in May 2006 Delgado supplied him with approximately one-half kilogram of cocaine, which he knew was from Telleria. Also in May 2006, Oyola obtained approximately one kilogram of cocaine from Telleria, he admitted.

Oyola admitted that Telleria and Delgado had fronted him the cocaine, meaning they would give it to him with the understanding that he would pay them for the cocaine after he had resold it. Oyola admitted that he paid Telleria some of the money that he owed to him for the cocaine after he had redistributed the cocaine to another individual.

A one-count Superseding Indictment returned on July 26, 2006, charges Telleria and Delgado, plus five others with conspiring from July 2004 through July 11, 2006, to distribute and possess with intent to distribute large amounts of cocaine and crack cocaine. Telleria and Delgado were arrested on July 11, in Vineland on an earlier one-count Indictment. Each of the defendants has been held in federal custody since their arrest.

The case is the result of a long-term investigation by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Cumberland County Narcotics Task Force.

Telleria pleaded guilty before Judge Simandle on March 9, 2007, to a one-count Superseding Indictment charging him with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute five or more kilograms of cocaine and 50 grams or more of crack

cocaine. Telleria is scheduled to be sentenced on June 29 at 10:30. Delgado is awaiting trial on a one-count Superseding Indictment that charges same charge to which Telleria pleaded guilty. The charge of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute five or more kilograms of cocaine and 50 grams or more of crack cocaine carries a mandatory minimum penalty of 10 years and a maximum penalty of life in prison, and a fine of up to \$4 million.

In determining Oyola's sentence, Judge Simandle consulted the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, was not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

Christie credited the Special Agents of the DEA, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Gerald P. McAleer in Newark; and Investigators with member agencies of the Cumberland County Narcotics Task Force, under the direction of Cumberland County Prosecutor Ronald J. Casella, with developing the investigation which resulted in the Superseding Indictment and Indictments. Additionally, the Cape May Prosecutor's Office, under the direction of Prosecutor Robert L. Taylor, and the New Jersey Department of Human Services Police, under the direction Capt. Glenn Garbarino, were thanked for their assistance in the investigation.

The Cumberland County Narcotics Task Force is comprised of the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office, DEA, FBI, ATF, New Jersey State Police, Vineland Police Department, Bridgeton Police Department, Millville Police Department. The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Diana V. Carrig of the U.S. Attorney's Criminal Division in Camden.

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